

Trade Mission Participation Criteria

The recruitment and selection of private sector participants in this mission will be conducted according to the Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions announced by Secretary Daley on March 3, 1997. For the India business development mission, individuals must be at a level of executive seniority appropriate to the goals of the mission. Company participation will be determined on the basis of:

- Consistency of the company's goals with the scope and desired outcome of the mission as described herein;
- Relevance of a company's business line to the plan for the mission;
- Past, present and prospective business activity in India; and
- Diversity of company size, type, location, demographics and traditional under-representation in business.

An applicant's partisan political activities (including political contributions) are irrelevant to the selection process. An interested party must fill out an application to be considered for participation in the mission.

Endorsements/Referrals

Third parties may nominate or endorse potential applicants, but companies that are nominated or endorsed must themselves submit an application to be eligible for consideration. Referrals from political organizations will not be considered.

Costs

The fees to participant in the mission have not yet been determined, and will be based on the number of participants. The fees will not cover travel or lodging expenses.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512.

Robert Marro,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 102097A]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) and its committees will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on November 10-13, 1997. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Longboat Key, 4949 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key (Sarasota), FL; telephone: 941-383-3771.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Council**

November 12

8:30 a.m.—Convene.

8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.—Appointment of Committees.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Receive public testimony on a control date for dolphin/wahoo; interim/emergency action on red snapper size limits; and reef fish total allowable catch (TAC). During the meeting the Council will review stock assessments for red snapper and gag (grouper) and determine whether to specify or modify the TAC for these stocks for the 1998 fishing year. The Council will also consider whether to request by emergency rule that the minimum size limit for red snapper remain at 15 inches or be set at 14 inches. Without some action the minimum size limit will become 16 inches on January 1, 1998. The Council will also consider whether to specify a control date for the fisheries for dolphin (fish) and wahoo. If approved, the control date would notify commercial fishermen that if a limited access system is developed for these fisheries, persons that enter the fishery after that date may not be allowed to participate.

1:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.—Receive a report on a peer-group review of management of the red snapper fishery and the information used for management. This review was mandated by Congress through passage of the Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA). In complying with this mandate, NMFS empaneled three groups of scientists from outside the Gulf region to conduct the peer-group review during July and August. The panels reviewed

information provided by NMFS and by the commercial fishing industry related to: (1) the statistical information and analyses, (2) the economic information and analyses, and (3) management and science procedures and data, including stock assessments.

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.—Hear a status report on development of new bycatch reduction device (BRD) designs and a protocol for certifying BRDs for use in trawls.

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.—Receive a summary of the report by NMFS to Congress that identified overfished stocks in each region. For the Gulf, stocks that were identified include: red snapper, red drum, Gulf-group king Mackerel, jewfish, and Nassau grouper. The Council has previously prohibited any harvest or possession of red drum, jewfish, and Nassau grouper in Federal waters. NMFS will also discuss the new provisions of the SFA that will apply to restoration of these stocks. If only the impacts on fishing communities are taken into consideration TACs must be specified that will restore the stock to maximum sustainable yield (MSY) within 10 years. This consideration will likely require reducing TAC for some stocks.

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Reef Fish Management Committee.

5:30 p.m.—CLOSED SESSION - Appointment of members to Reef Fish and Red Snapper Advisory Panels and chairs to the Louisiana/Mississippi Habitat Advisory Panel.

November 13

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.—Continue the report of the Reef Fish Management Committee.

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.—Receive a report of the Mackerel Management Committee

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.—Receive a report of the Migratory Species Management Committee.

2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Habitat Protection Management Committee.

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.—Receive a report of the Stone Crab Management Committee.

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.—Receive a report of the Administrative Policy Committee.

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.—Receive reports of the Highly Migratory Species Billfish Advisory Panel, Longline Advisory Panel, Tuna, Swordfish, and Shark Advisory Panel, and International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas Advisory Committee.

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.—Receive a report on NMFS/Council Working Group meeting.

3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

4:00 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.— Receive Director's Reports.

4:25 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.—Other business to be discussed.

November 10

9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to review stock assessments for red snapper and gag, biological information on gray triggerfish, and the recommendations of the scientific and statistical committee, stock assessment panel, socioeconomic panel, and advisory panels. The committee will develop their recommendations to the Council on TAC for red snapper and gag stocks. The committee will also select preferred alternatives for Draft Reef Fish Amendment 16 which will be presented at public hearings in February, 1998. This amendment contains alternatives for phasing out the fish trap fishery, removing some species from Federal management, instituting bag and size limits for certain species that will be compatible with the limits in Florida waters, and restrictions on harvest of speckled hind and warsaw grouper.

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Convene the Administrative Policy Committee to develop the functions or charges for three new ad hoc committees for marine reserves, vessel monitoring, and sustainable fisheries.

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Stone Crab Management Committee to consider a draft amendment that proposes to extend the moratorium on registration of commercial vessels by NMFS.

November 11

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee consider action on a cooperative agreement related to completion of an amendment describing essential fish habitat and hear a status report on preparation of this amendment. They will also consider action on a proposed dredge-and-fill project in Louisiana and hear a report on a project to culture fish in cages on an oil platform off Texas.

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Convene the Migratory Species Committee to consider recommendations of the Billfish Advisory Panel on provisions for an amendment regulating the harvest of marlin and sailfish that will be implemented by NMFS next year.

1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to select preferred alternatives for Draft Mackerel Amendment 9 that will be submitted to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council for consideration. Public hearing on the amendment will be scheduled in February, 1998.

Amendment 9 includes alternatives that would:

1. Possible changes to the fishing year for Gulf group king mackerel - currently July 1;

2. Possible prohibitions of sale of mackerel caught under the recreational allocation;

3. Provisions for mandatory reporting requirements for commercial and for-hire vessels;

4. Reallocations of TAC for the commercial fishery for Gulf group king mackerel in the Eastern Zone (Florida east coast and Florida west coast) - currently 50/50 split;

5. Reallocations of TAC for Gulf group king mackerel between the recreational and commercial sectors - currently 68 percent and 32 percent, respectively;

6. Additional subdivisions of the commercial, hook-and-line allocation of TAC for Gulf group king mackerel by area and/or season for both the Florida west coast and the Western Zone (Alabama through Texas);

7. Possible trip limits for vessels fishing for Gulf group king mackerel in the Western Zone;

8. Further restrictions on the use of net gear to harvest Gulf group king mackerel off the Florida west coast;

9. Possible changes to the minimum size limit for Gulf group king mackerel (currently 20-inches fork length) and establishment of a maximum size limit or both a minimum and maximum, (i.e. a slot limit); and

10. Consideration of re-establishing an annual allocation of Gulf group Spanish mackerel for the purse seine fishery.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during these meetings. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by November 3, 1997.

Dated: October 22, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Taiwan

October 21, 1997.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 29, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing and special shift.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the **CORRELATION:** Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 61 FR 58043, published on November 12, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the bilateral agreement, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of its provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 21, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 4, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive